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SUBJECT: WEO'S WITHDRAWAL FROM UNESCO MEETING ON MASS

MEDIA PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

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1. LETTER OF US WITHDRAWAL (FULL TEXT REFTEL A) FROM
SUBJECT MEETING SUBMITTED TO CHAIRMAN ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY
WITH LETTER OF "9"--MINUS LUXEMBOURG WHICH NOT IN
ATTENDANCE AT MEETING--AS WELL AS AUSTRALIAN AND
CANADIAN LETTERS OF WITHDRAWAL, AT ABOUT 3 P.M. THIS
AFTERNOON.

2. CZECH CHAIRMAN REFUSED TO READ "9" AND US LETTERS AS
EACH HAD RESPECTIVELY REQUESTED, SO "9" SPOKESMAN
(ITALY) AND US REP STOWE RETURNED TO MEETING TO READ
THEIR RESPECTIVE LETTERS OF WITHDRAWA TO GET ON RECORD, AS THIS
PROCEDURE RULED BY CZECH.

3. TEXTS WEO'S LETTERS AS REPORTED WAS UNCHANGED FROM
REFTEL B SUMMARY. LAST MINUTE ADDITION TO ISRAELIS,
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US AND WEO'S WAS NORWAY WHICH INSTRUCTED TO BASE

WITHDRAWAL UPON GROUNDS THAT CONSENSUS APPROACH OF MEETING HAD BEEN ABANDONED BUT APPARENTLY DOES NOT INCLUDE REFERENCE TO "ZIONISM-RACISM" ISSUE. DUTCH ADVISED THEY RECEIVED LAST-MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE MUCH TOUGHER CITATION OF "ZIONISM-RACISM" AS BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL THAN CONTAINED IN "9" JOINT LETTER.

4. AS INDICATED BLAKE-STOWE-JONES TELCON, AMERICAN MEDIA ACCORDED US WITHDRAWAL MAJOR COVERAGE; CBS AND ABC NETWORKS FILMED INTERVIEWS WITH STOWE. NBC WAS PRESENT BUT WITHOUT FILM CREW. QUESTIONS OF LATTER PREDICTABLY SOUGHT TO DRAMATIZE WITHDRAWAL TO MAXIMUM EXTENT. FRENCH AND OTHER EUROPEAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENTS ALSO PRESENT. WE ALSO INFORMED THAT VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR DECLARED AT MEETING'S AFTERNOON SESSION THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT WHATEVER FINAL TEXT COMES OUT OF MEETING BECAUSE DECEMBER 17 VOTE BRCKE CONSENSUS PROCEDURE. AUSTRIA WILL CONTINUE IN MEETING BUT ON BASIS OF WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS "PASSIVE PARTICIPATION." IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE MAY BE A FEW MCRE COUNTRIES THAT WILL CONTINUE IN MEETING BUT DISAVOW DECLARATION DUE TO INCLUSION OF YUGOSLAV AMENDMENT.

5. PERMDEL INFORMED, BUT HAS NOT YET SEEN TEXT, OF UNESCO DG M'BOW STATEMENT TO PARIS MEDIA AT 1 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. M'BOW REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT DECISIONS TAKEN IN MEETINGS SUCH AS THESE ARE NOT BINDING UPON POLICY OF UNESCO; THAT ONLY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ARE DECISION-MAKING BODIES. IF REPORTED ESSENCE OF M'BOW REMARKS IS CORRECT, PERMDEL BELIEVES THIS USEFUL INDICATION OF M'BOW PUTTING DISTANCE BETWEEN UNESCO AND YUGOSLAV TEXT.

6. PERMDEL WILL SEND BY SEPTTEL A MORE DETAILED REPORT ON EVENTS LEADING UP TO VOTE ON YUGOSLAV TEXT BUT WOULD NOTE THAT BLACK AFRICANS--ESPECIALLY SENEGAL---PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN UNFORTUNATELY UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT THAT US AND WEO'S PURSUED TO HEAD OFF A VOTE.
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